

Memorial

United Methodist Church

A great place to meet new friends, find needed encouragement and discover God's plan for you.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:15-10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.- Prayground - Third Sundays

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Church Office Summer Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to **3:00 p.m.**

Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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June 21, 2012

JULY WORSHIP

*Like sheep through the gates of the pasture...
these are the*

Days of David

a special Summer Worship Series

June 24 - August 5

Come join us as we celebrate and learn about one of the original Biblical big-shots - We'll go way beyond the Sunday School tales of Goliath, into the heart and life of David.

We'll ask important questions for today like "What do we expect from leaders? What happens when we make friends with our enemy's children? What happens when a leader falls from the pedestals we've put them on?"

We'll have some interactive and special elements that will make this a summer to remember. Come and share in the story, and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

June 24 - David's Anointing

July 1 - David and Goliath

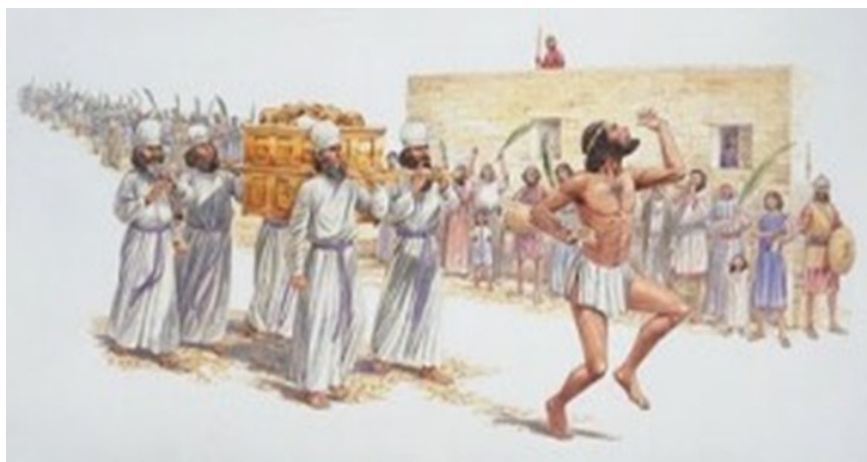
July 8 - David and his friend, Jonathan

July 15 - David dances with God

July 22 - David receives God's promise

July 29 - David and Bathsheba

August 5 - David passes the throne to Solomon



Monday Morning

Prayer Time - 6:15 am- Chapel

Come join us for early morning prayer at 6:15 am on Mondays in the chapel. It's a great way to start the week!

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JULY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, July 1- Communion Sunday

- 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast-8:15am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Service -10:30 am

Monday, July 2

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 3

- BIF Circle - 9:30 am - Pearce
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, July 4 -Holiday

Office Closed

Sunday, July 8

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Service -10:30 am
- Trustees - 11:30am

Monday, July 9

Beach Camp - 6th-12th Grade

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Church Council meeting - 7:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 10

Beach Camp - 6th-12th Grade

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Wesley School Board mtg - 6:30 pm

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Come Join Us!

**July 15 from 9:00-9:30am
in the Sanctuary**

It's all ready! Invite the kids in your house and in your neighborhood to come and bring friends! Last month we celebrated with our new friends Hootie Owl and Marco the Lion, and you never know who will show up next month.

In worship on July 1 and July 8 we will have postcards for you to invite the kids in your life - bring the addresses to worship, fill out the cards and we'll even mail them for you.

Prayground!

Youth

A few weeks ago, the youth splashed into summer at Schlitterbahn waterpark in Galveston. We started off the weekend on Saturday by attending Chapelwood UMC in Houston for a wonderful church service focused on community outreach. After a night of Bible study, swimming, and barbecue at the Minette's, we woke up and drove to Galveston for a day of water park and beach fun. With nine youth in attendance, the weekend was a great time of fellowship; however, it is just the beginning of our summer plans.

Last week, the youth helped each night with VBS as decorators, shopkeepers, and leading games and recreation. In July, many of our youth will be attending Beach Camp and/or Quest Camp. Please pray for their encounters with God during this time.

Additionally, we are looking forward to a summer full of guest speakers, sprucing up the youth room, and seeking the Lord as a group.

Please pray for our youth group throughout the summer, especially as they journey to and from camp. This is a great time for them to be able to focus their energy on Christ and for you as a congregation to focus your energy on the future leaders of your church. We cannot run this program without your support. Thank you so much for your continued investment in what we are doing!

JULY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, July 12

Beach Camp - 6th-12th Grade

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7pm

Saturday, July 14

- WPNA - 10-1p - FHL

Sunday, July 15

Memorial for Christ Sunday

Quest Camp - 9th - 12th Grade

- Prayground - 9 am - Sanctuary
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am

Monday, July 16

Quest Camp - 9th - 12th Grade

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 17

Quest Camp - 9th - 12th Grade

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, July 18

Quest Camp - 9th - 12th Grade

Thursday, July 19

Quest Camp - 9th - 12th Grade

Sunday, July 22

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Youth - Noon

Monday, July 23

Newsletter Deadline

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30

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Special Offering

July 1 - Our Communion offering in July will go to the Eastside Community Connection Food Bank.

Apportionment Sunday in July

Any 5th Sunday, MUMC takes up a dedicated (second mile beyond our pledges) offering for our apportionments, money that we share with other United Methodist ministries and missions throughout South and Central Texas as well as the world.

In July, our special offering will go to fund the World Benevolences. This money includes mission money that is sent all over the world, but it is mostly money that stays here in the area to fund/supplement programs such as conference camps, workshops, music and worship gatherings, and evangelism. Our support of this fund is crucial to continuing many of the ministries that we can't do on our own like the camps our youth and special needs adults participate in every year.

To participate in the offering, simply mark your check or envelope "July 5th Sunday". Remember that this is money given beyond your pledge - a way of saying a special thank you to God!

CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS

Action, Adventure, Fitness and fun are all part of Boy Scouts. Go camping and rafting. Cooking, first aid, riflery, rock climbing, archery, sports and photography are just a few of the great things to learn and do.

Who: 5th – 8th Grade Boys

Where: Memorial United Methodist Church,

6100 Berkman Drive

When: Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact Scoutmaster:

Brian Kent at 577-5523 or email:
b0k3nt@yahoo.com



JULY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, July 24

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Thursday, July 26

- News Crew - 1:00 pm

Sunday, July 29

Apportionment Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Youth - Noon

Monday, July 30

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 31

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Worship Working Group - 6:30 pm

Summer Office Hours

Our office will close at 3:00 Monday-Thursday beginning July 1. Many of you remember last summer, in order to avoid rolling black-outs, the electric company asked users to try to cut down on usage from 3-6pm every day when the load was at its highest.

To save money and help with this effort, we will be closing a bit early in the summer. We'll go back to the regular hours in the fall!



Confirmation

Sunday, May 6, 2012, there were three young ladies who were confirmed and became members of Memorial. They were Christine Garner, daughter of Chuck and Paula Garner, sister of Courtney and granddaughter of Charles and Carole Garner. She is 12 years old and in the Sixth grade at St. Frances, and a member of the Girl Scouts and plays volleyball and soccer.

Hannah Smith, daughter of Kendall and Laura Smith, sister of Tyler Moore, and granddaughter of Jim and Shirley Rhoades and Jo Smith. Hannah will be in the ninth grade at McCallum High. She is looking forward to several camps this summer. Hannah is active in sports of all kind, even has been catcher in a softball team and a goalie for a soccer team. She played on an ultimate frisbee team, was photographer for the school yearbook, and is very active in church and UMYF.

Jessica Christine McFarland, daughter of Mark and Kerry McFarland, sister of Kevin McFarland, and granddaughter of Charlyne Schmidt and many aunts and uncles. She is 16 years old, a sophomore of McCallum, and is in the National Honor Society. Jessica takes French in high school and is going to volunteer at Dell Hospital this summer.

In addition, we have a family connection to another confirmation to Grayson Klanika, son of Troy and Ruth Klanika, sister of Emily, a grandson of Bob and Norma Hauser, was confirmed at 1st United Methodist Church in Pflugerville on Sunday, May 20, 2012. He is in Sixth grade at Park Crest Middle School and plays baseball and is in the sixth grade band playing trumpet. He won a "1" rating at contest two weeks ago.

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, July 23



Note From the Pastor

King. Saint. Sinner. Father. Warrior. Husband (to a few too many). Poet. Shepherd.

David casts a long shadow over the story of the Bible. Frederick Buechner described the pinnacle moment of his career - bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the city of Jerusalem - like this:

"With trumpets blaring and drums beating, it was Camelot all over again, and for once that royal young red-head didn't have to talk up the bright future and the high hopes because he was himself the future at its brightest, and there were no hopes higher than the ones his people had in him. And for once he didn't have to drag God in for politics' sake either because it was obvious to everybody that this time God was there on his own. How they cut loose together, David and Yahweh, whirling around before the ark in such a passion that they caught fire from each other and blazed up in a single flame of such magnificence that not even the dressing-down David got from Michal afterwards could dim the glory of it.

He had feet of clay like the rest of the us if not more so - self-serving and deceitful, lustful and vain - but on the basis of that dance alone, you can see why it was David more than anybody else that Israel lost her heart to and why, when Jesus of Nazareth came riding into Jerusalem on his flea-bitten mule a thousand years later, it was as the Son of David that they hailed him." (from "Peculiar Treasures", pg. 26-7)

His life beats many soap operas for twists and turns, and the best part is that it is a part of OUR story - the story of God. As Buechner says, one of the names we hear for Jesus is "Son of David". There is something that connects us to David.

What is it? Is it the drama of his life? Is it his legacy as a poet and writer of songs? Is it that wonderful tale of him beating a giant?

I think in the end, that it's his passion. We are often drawn to that kind of charisma - a word that is connected to *chrism*, which is an anointing, either of oil or the Holy Spirit.

So I offer you this encouragement - you share history with David, his connection to God and the Spirit of God. And I offer you this challenge: where can you learn from David to be a bit more passionate, have more of a heart turned to God?

Come and find out in worship this summer. Invite friends. And watch God dance.

Unification

Last summer, leaders from both the Southwest Texas Annual Conference (our conference) and our sister conference, the Rio Grande Annual Conference met together to look at some facts and statistics. A team from the General Council on Finance and Administration had gathered data on both our conferences and after laying all the groundwork, told us what many of us had known in our hearts for a long time: it was time to unite our conferences.

At our Annual Conference in Corpus Christi and at the Rio Grande Annual Conference in San Antonio, both conferences voted to seek unification as one annual conference of the United Methodist Church. Now, the Jurisdictional Conference (made up of the conference representatives from all the Texas conferences, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas and Missouri) will vote on whether or not they approve the unification.

What does that mean for us? You may notice no functional change in what we do and how we do it. But it does mean that we will share ministry with more of our brothers and sisters from this area and have much richer mission opportunities and food for conversation. Please be in prayer for our journey. If the Jurisdictional Conference approves, formal unification will probably take around 40 months to become finalized.

Graduation

May 20, 2012, three of our members were honored with a reception and recognized in church for their graduations. They were: Kayla Holland, daughter of Ryan and Traci Holland, sister of Chase, and granddaughter of Ronny and Kathy Gray. She graduated from Pflugerville High School where she served on the newspaper and enjoyed photography. Her future plans are to go to ACC and become an Ultra Sound Technician.

Kevin McFarland, son of Mark and Kerry McFarland , brother of Jessica, and grandson of Charlyne Schmidt. He is graduated from McCallum High School and enjoyed sports, clubs, which included wrestling, bicycling, and Boy Scouts. Future plans are to attend ACC and study History.

Michele Dennig, daughter of William and Laurie Dennig, sister of Nicole and Caitlyn. She is graduated from St. Edward’s University with a degree in Accounting. Lauren was active in Delta Sigma Pi, and Professional Business Fraternity.

Other Graduates related to Memorial UMC:

Megan Walton, daughter of Kelly and Bret Walton, granddaughter of Johnie and Alma Madison. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Art and History with a Minor in Film Studies from Trinity University in San Antonio on May 12, 2012.



Caroline Giles, daughter of Gary and Cara Giles, sister of Chase, and granddaughter of Charles and Carole Garner. She graduated on May, 26, 2012, from Woodlands Christian Academy in Woodlands, Texas. She is off to Baylor and is very excited.

Highlights of honors and activities of all our members and our extended members is one of the reasons we feel like a “family” at Memorial. We enjoy sharing news with you and look forward to sharing more with the congregation. So, please let us hear about any and all activities, so that we can celebrate with you.

Sympathy



Emma F. Bawden passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 2, 2012. She was born March 7, 1925 in Mission, Texas. Emma was always sweet, kind and loving to everyone who knew her.

Emma was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert C. Bawden and granddaughters, Trina Barfield and Amber West. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Barfield and husband Gary, Roberta Eddington and husband George, and Bets West; and numerous grandchildren, and a great- granddaughter. She also is survived by two sisters, two brothers, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Services were held at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home at 14501 North IH-35 Pflugerville, Texas.

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News From the Pews continued

Sympathy

Lillian Dell Barr Talley, died Saturday, June 2, 2012, after 87 years. She was born February 13, 1925, to Clyde Barr and Lillian Rolsten Barr. Her joyful love of family, friends and every child in sight was a blessing and will be missed by all. Lillian was preceded by her parents, husband of thirty-one years, Rondoll Raymond Talley, brother and wife, John and Laverne Barr, nephew, Dr. John Turner Barr, Jr., and brother-in-law, Otis T. Hilderbrand. Lillian is survived by her sister, Grace Marie Barr Hilderbrand, of Wharton, Texas, seven nieces and nephews, nine great nieces and nephews, three great-great nieces and nephew; and also survived by her extended family. An Austin resident for over fifty years, Lillian was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Austin Chapter 304 and a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church, where she taught children's Bible school. The funeral service were held on June 8, 2012, at Cook Walden Funeral Home, Austin, Texas.

Memorials in memory were given for:

Emma Bawden

Alma and Johnie Madison Jr.
John and Billie Nixon

Payton Sturges

Peter and Linda Sturges

Memorials in Honor were given for:

Don Morrison

Bonita Reininger
Peter and Linda Sturges

**United Methodist Women
by Jane Friedrich**

After a busy few months, we will be taking a break. BIF doesn't meet in July and we will all be coasting a little. There is one important activity we are looking forward to - - - School of Missions will be convening July 12 - 15, at Mt. Wesley. Alberta Shelton will be conducting a study on a particularly timely subject, Immigration and the Bible."

Contact Billie Talley, if you would like to read one of the study books prior to the July session. If you are interested in attending the meeting, contact Norma Hauser. All are welcome to attend the entire session or if you can only squeeze in a day, that's an option.



Pick up your ACTS envelopes in the narthex and put a smile on our shut-ins faces when they receive their card! If you would like a complete list, please call the church office.

Immediate Prayers

Barbara Compton Carolyn Rogas Laurie Dennig
Don Morrison Hardy Porterfield Marcia Garrett
Barbara Metzger Matthew Shelton

Continuing Prayers

Don Kothmann Norma Jones
Jo-Ann Bennink Wanda Stout Adams
Kathy Gray Diana Valastro
Randy Smith Dorothy Dennig
Ozelma Goodlett Weldon Friedrich
Zenon Troy Wayne Tiner
Alice Edwards Lois Stoelting
Edith Gramkow Danny Frederick
Eddie & Virginia Smith
Robert and Annabelle Turner
Merrienne Philips and the Mathis family



July

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Karl Amundson
- 7 Earl Cole
- 12 Dick Moore
- 15 Katherine Eaker
Gail Mohler
- 16 Betty Sampler
- 17 Hardy Porterfield
David Teaney
- 22 Billie Florence Lois Nixon
- 23 Charles Garner
- 24 William Friedrich
- 28 Gloria McPhail
- 31 Tyler Joshua Moore
John F. Nixon
Shirley Wehmer



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9:15 a.m.-Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

Wesley School - Chris Banda, Director (467-9740)

Church Office Hours

Church Secretary - Joanne Macon

8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1- 4:00 p.m.

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